LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Crowder called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: ABSENT: none

Ron Crowder, President
Gene Smith, Secretary
Bill Charbonneau
Deanie Barrett
Bobby Hocking

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting of April 17, 2014

Board member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Board member Charbonneau seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director Suzy Kou submitted the financial report. She explained that due to lack of personnel, the report didn't reflect some journal entries.

5. PRESENTATION

a. Tanya Bell: Castlewall Enterprises

Tanya Bell purchased property in the 1000 Block of Highway 3 where she will be moving a children's daycare facility, potentially an adult day care and health services and is asking for the La Marque EDC to help fund three monumental signs and remote fencing to surround the facilities.

b. Michael Carroll: proposed agreement

Michael Carroll presented a proposed agreement with the La Marque EDC for the 81.76 acres beside Sam's Club for the purpose of developing a multi-tenant commercial/retail development. Since the first time it was brought before the EDC, a traffic study has been performed, and redrafted a designed road plan. They are asking for incentives and financial assistance in providing infrastructure improvements, water and sewer utilities and other related improvements to develop the La Marque Town Center Project.

c. Dr. Bix Rathburn: Rathburn Planning & Consulting Proposal

Dr. Rathburn explained the phases needed to develop a reasonable master plan for the City of La Marque. The concept includes a series of major assessments in different areas of the City that is needed in order to begin the foundation so a final plan can be created.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding the Castlewall Enterprises proposal

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to ask Ms. Bell to provide additional estimates, submit site plans, and drawings as well as a staff review of the sign ordinance before committing the EDC to assist in financing the fence and signage for this project. Additionally, the Board would like acknowledgement from Council.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding the proposal from Michael D. Carroll J. D.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Carroll to submit a letter of intent from a prospect, and to have the EDC to draw up a 380 agreement to include placing a time limit on the project, which also would stipulate exchanges of related improvements between the two parties and making certain that there will be no multi-family development in the location.

c. Discussion/possible action regarding the Rathburn Planning & Consulting Proposal

Board member Hocking made a motion to accept the Rathburn Planning & Consulting proposal and set a limit of $40,000.00 for the study. Board member Charbonneau seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Discussion/possible action to close out the two (2) Texas First Bank CD's and Regions checking account and deposit those funds in the Logic account

Board member Barrett made a motion to close out the two (2) Texas First Bank CD's and Regions checking account and deposit those funds in the Logic account. Board member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Discussion/possible action to open a new checking or savings account with the new bank depository, Texas First Bank

Board member Hocking made a motion to open a new checking or savings account with the new depository, Texas First Bank. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Discussion/possible action regarding the request to survey property for a potential 30' permanent easement to be used by Praxair

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to table this item until specific questions could be answered, including providing a diagram of any abandoned pipelines within the area, and to continue negotiations.

g. Discussion/possible action to renew membership in the TexasOne Program

Board member Barrett made a motion to renew the membership in the TexasOne Program. Board member Charbonneau seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

h. Discussion/possible action to authorize a cash transfer for non-recurring expenditures from the EDC cash account to the pooled cash account as established by Resolution R-2014-003

Board member Barrett made a motion to authorize a cash transfer for non-recurring expenditures from the EDC cash account to the pooled cash account as established in Resolution R-2014-003. Board member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS –There was none

8. DISCUSSION

a. Director's Report - report may include past, present, or future projects

EDC Executive Director Getty gave a brief overview of his report.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Section 551.072 of the Government Code – deliberations about real property

Chairman Crowder recessed the regular meeting to go into Executive Session at 9:55 a.m.

Chairman Crowder reconvened to the regular meeting at 10:19 a.m.

10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Board member Smith made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to attend the Galveston County Sheriff Sale and purchase a tract of land in Highland Park. Board member Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Board member Smith made a motion to extend the contract for 60 days to Saiyad Ali for the property at 1764 and 2004. Board member Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Board member Hocking made a motion to negotiate with Mr. Greig, who owns property that adjoins the Smith and Hall property for future development. Board member Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Robin Eldridge, TRMC, City Clerk

Ron Crowder, President

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